

In the Specification:

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This application is a continuation of and claims priority based on
United States Patent Application No. 10/143,300 of Mao *et al.*, filed on May 9,
2002 and entitled "Transition Metal Complexes with (Pyridyl)imidazole
Ligands and Sensors Using Said Complexes," which is related to United States
Provisional Patent Application ~~Serial~~ No. 60/290,537 of Fei Mao, filed on May
11, 2001 and entitled "Transition Metal Complexes with (Pyridyl)imidazole
Ligands,"~~[[,]]~~ each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by this
reference.